

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CAPE T 00015 061241Z

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EUR-12 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01 BIB-01

/073 W

-----061247Z 091186 /43

R 060851Z JAN 77

FM AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5563

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY GABARONE

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

UNCLAS CAPE TOWN 0015

E.O.11652:N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, SF, BC

SUB: BANNED JOURNALIST, FORMER NUSAS OFFICER, FLEES TO BOTSWANA

REF: CAPE TOWN 0005

1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, JOURNALIST ERIC ABRAHAM, WHO WAS BANNED LAST NOVEMBER AND RECENTLY REFUSED EXIT PERMIT TO GO TO UK(REFTEL), ESCAPED INTO BOTSWANA ON JANUARY 5. ABRAHAM, A 22-YEAR OLD UCT GRADUATE AND PART-TIME CORRESPONDENT FOR BBC AND THE GUARDIAN HAD COMPLAINED OF HARASSMENT BY HOOLIGANS FOLLOWING HIS BANNING AND AT ONE POINT WENT ON A 72 HOUR HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST REFUSAL OF AN EXIT PERMIT. REPORTEDLY REPRESENTATIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO THE SAG ON HIS BEHALF BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, FOR WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY WORKED, AND BY SEVERAL UK LIBERAL PARTY MPS.

2. ALSO REPORTED AS HAVING RECENTLY FLED TO BOTSWANA WITHOUT A PASSPORT WAS CRAIG WILLIAMSON, VICE-PRESIDENT IN 1974-75 OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF SOUTH AFRICAN
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CAPE T 00015 061241Z

STUDENTS (NUSAS). WHITE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FUGITIVES, JOURNALISTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 06-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977CAPET00015
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770005-0911
Format: TEL
From: CAPE TOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770176/aaaacomr.tel
Line Count: 56
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: c878b8dc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 CAPE TOWN 5
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3654487
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BANNED JOURNALIST, FORMER NUSAS OFFICER, FLEES TO BOTSWANA
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SF, BC, (ABRAHAM, ERIC)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/c878b8dc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009